

**PARISH OF ST. JOHN,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of St. John is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	14,861	2,683,516
1960	18,439	3,257,022
1970	23,813	3,644,637
1980	31,924	4,205,900
1990	39,996	4,219,973
1991	40,532	4,251,560
1992	40,806	4,287,195
1993	40,992	4,295,477
1994	41,452	4,315,085
1995	41,733	4,339,352
1996	41,916	4,350,579
1997	42,035	4,351,769
1998	42,242	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

St. John Parish has no municipal entities.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$13,677	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$14,050	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$14,451	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$15,448	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$16,346	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$17,175	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$17,530	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$18,471	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in St. John Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$208,124	\$64,130	\$19,581	\$35,177	\$5,587	\$31,668
1992	\$229,351	\$66,570	\$20,717	\$44,800	\$6,733	\$33,731
1993	\$242,084	\$61,620	\$22,925	\$50,859	\$7,182	\$39,880
1994	\$234,135	\$63,685	\$28,298	\$52,975	\$1,617	\$43,126
1995	\$242,743	\$73,276	\$26,160	\$61,399	\$2,292	\$37,303
1996	\$241,583	\$65,485	\$25,630	\$55,191	\$2,462	\$46,289
1997	\$245,635	\$68,260	\$26,975	\$54,975	\$2,774	\$36,684

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of St. John as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH	4		4	4	8

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$26,442	\$39,444	\$40,328	\$43,456	\$46,583
February	\$24,024	\$30,733	\$34,502	\$44,046	\$33,246
March	\$22,389	\$28,993	\$30,612	\$28,994	\$40,578
April	\$26,091	\$34,964	\$35,647	\$29,241	\$43,344
May	\$23,171	\$31,176	\$34,273	\$38,391	\$39,117
June	\$24,920	\$31,028	\$35,998	\$37,977	\$48,691
July	\$24,600	\$42,245	\$40,277	\$41,367	\$52,937
August	\$24,988	\$33,211	\$33,283	\$41,224	\$39,196
September	\$23,798	\$36,968	\$33,243	\$35,156	\$44,971
October	\$29,467	\$37,665	\$37,497	\$43,152	\$40,993
November	\$22,845	\$31,394	\$39,946	\$41,466	
December	\$21,386	\$31,942	\$27,373	\$34,578	\$36,726
Annual Total	\$294,122	\$409,762	\$422,981	\$459,047	

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of St. John is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$116,732,063	\$50,769,817	\$168,033,560
1991	\$118,262,023	\$51,241,789	\$169,503,812
1992	\$124,885,879	\$52,152,189	\$177,038,068
1993	\$136,998,150	\$52,922,552	\$189,920,702
1994	\$138,052,774	\$53,583,374	\$191,636,148
1995	\$142,052,255	\$54,784,968	\$196,837,223
1996	\$144,625,776	\$55,833,412	\$200,459,188
1997	\$148,375,059	\$57,272,616	\$205,647,675
1998	\$149,796,100	\$58,864,202	\$208,660,302

Source: St. John Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$75,562,978	\$75,713,202	\$16,757,380
1991	\$76,374,938	\$76,088,874	\$17,040,000
1992	\$75,193,471	\$84,183,567	\$17,661,030
1993	\$76,997,343	\$94,932,939	\$17,990,420
1994	\$78,426,570	\$94,005,128	\$19,204,450
1995	\$78,974,531	\$95,101,392	\$22,761,300
1996	\$81,293,416	\$101,245,412	\$17,920,360
1997	\$84,987,186	\$101,291,939	\$19,368,550
1998	\$88,508,571	\$100,809,171	\$19,342,560

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of St. John follows:

Year	Millage
1990	110.56
1991	111.91
1992	108.32
1993	112.02
1994	112.96
1995	111.89
1996	111.81
1997	114.08
1998	117.59

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and St. John Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of St. John in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. MARATHON OIL CO	\$56,196,850
2. E I DUPOIN DE NEMOURS & CO	\$8,953,701
3. BAYOU STEEL CORP	\$5,527,596
4. CARGILL INCORPORATED	\$4,741,065
5. ENTERGY LOUISIANA INC	\$3,642,120
6. LOUISIANA MACHINERY CO INC	\$2,423,839
7. NALCO CHEMICAL COMPANY	\$2,352,014
8. HIBERNIA NATIONAL BANK	\$2,332,815
9. BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$2,213,040
10. DU PONT DOW ELASTOMERS	\$2,132,790

Source: St. John Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the St. John Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	6,700	6,538	6,398	6,252
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	7,012	7,040	6,873	6,670
PUBLIC	6,219	7,157	7,145	6,694

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the St. John Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$27,755	\$26,261	\$27,255	\$31,025
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,750	\$4,745	\$5,091	\$5,705
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$10,704,964	\$3,703,108	\$808,975	\$5,494,913
DEBT SERVICE	\$3,826,947	\$5,593,596	\$4,298,700	\$4,198,384
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$33,303,923	\$33,398,333	\$33,720,015	\$37,362,717

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.